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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The British market for American apples during the past week was characterized by light to moderate supplies of both boxed and barreled varieties and an active demand for all fruit in good condition, according to quotations cabled by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Barreled apples at the Liverpool auction on February 2 were maintained at approximately the same levels as those prevailing last week, but boxed varieties continued to rise in price. New York Rhode Island Greenings topped the market in the barreled stock, bringing from $6.81 to $7.79 per barrel as against $7.36 to $7.54 per barrel last week. Oregon Yellow Newtowns took first place among the boxed varieties, selling at $3.65 per box as against $2.55 to $2.92 per box last week.

New York Baldwins and Rhode Island Greenings were in light to moderate supply and the demand was very active. The condition of the Greenings was variable. Virginia Ben Davis and York Imperials were also in light to moderate supply but the demand for those varieties was only moderate. Virginia York Imperials and Stayman Winesaps were showing a large amount of scald, states Mr. Smith. There was an active demand for Washington Winesape and Stayman Winesaps. Auction supplies of both these varieties are light. The demand was also very active for Oregon Yellow Newtowns and Spitzwnburgs, of which moderate supplies were available. The condition of the last two varieties was extremely variable. Many of the Oregon Yellow Newtowns are arriving overripe and with a slight amount of decay.

In general, it can be said that the demand for American apples in British markets is being strengthened by the fact that supplies of both boxed and barreled varieties, as well as of Spanish oranges, are only moderate. Spanish oranges brought from $4.01 to $4.62 per half case of about 110 pounds, size 300. Medium sized Jaffa oranges in cases of about 80 pounds brought $3.16 to $4.01 per case. Florida grapefruit, cases No. 1, Bright sizes 64-90, sold readily at from $6.08 to $7.30 per case.

According to trade reports, Australian and New Zealand apple exporters have booked cargo space for only 1,775,000 cases of apples for the 1927 exporting season. Last year cargo space for 3,462,000 cases was booked. This indicates the extent of the damage suffered by the Australian apple crop and presents an optimistic outlook for American apples in British and European markets during March and April. Reports from South Africa state that the soft fruit crop there is perishing as a result of a drought.

The following table shows the prices paid for American apples on the Liverpool auction on February 2 as compared with the preceding week:

Prices paid for American apples in Liverpool

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price: Jan. 26, 1927	Price: Feb. 2, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
York Imperial, A-2 1/2 in.	Virginia	$5.35 - 6.33	b/ 4.97
A-2 1/4 in.	"	4.87 - 5.84	b/ 4.87 - 5.47
A-2 1/2 in. (badly scalded)	"	2.92 - 3.89	a/
Ben Davis, A-2 1/2 in.	"	5.35 - 5.84	5.35 - 6.33
A-2 1/4 in.	"	5.23 - 5.96	5.35 - 5.84
Winesap, A-2 1/4 in.	"	6.08 - 6.57	a/
Stayman Winesap, A-2 1/4 in.	"	c/ 4.74	a/
Yellow Newtown, A-2 1/4 in.	"	7.08	a/
Rhode Island Greening, A-2 1/2 in.	New York	7.06 - 7.54	6.81 - 7.79
A-2 1/4 in.	"	6.33 - 6.81	a/
Baldwin, A-2 1/2 in.	"	6.33 - 6.81	6.08 - 6.57
A-2 1/4 in.	"	5.60 - 6.08	5.60 - 6.08
A-2 1/4 in. (inferior fruit)	"	4.87 - 5.47	a/
A-2 1/2 in.	Massachusetts	6.57 - 7.06	a/
		Per box	Per box
Winesap:			
Extra Fancy 163/175	Washington	2.80 - 3.04	3.41 - 3.47
Fancy 163/175	"	2.55 - 2.68	3.28
Stayman Winesap:			
Extra Fancy 163/175	"	a/	b/ 2.92
Fancy 163/175	"	a/	b/ 2.68
Yellow Newtown:			
Extra Fancy 163/175	Oregon	2.55 - 2.92	3.65
Fancy 163/175	"	c/ 2.31 - 2.55	3.10 - 3.16
Fancy 163/175	"	a/	b/ 2.80
Spitzenburg:			
Fancy 163/175	"	a/	3.22
Extra Fancy 163/175	Washington	2.92 - 3.16	a/
Fancy 163/175	"	2.68 - 2.74	a/

a/ Not quoted in cable. b/ Fair condition. c/ Poor condition.

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